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Applicant: Horace W. Hale, et al.

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**STATUS INQUIRY**

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Sir:

Please advise as to when we may expect an Office Action on the above-identified patent application. The response to our previous status inquiry filed on February 23, 2005 advised that this application would be first examined within a period expiring August 23, 2005. As of this date, no additional information concerning this application has been received. Your prompt attention to this matter is respectfully requested. If there are any questions, please call applicants' representative indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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